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HOME EDITION

TOPEKA, KANSAS, THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 25, 1916-TEN PAGES

Ira McGhee, 50 Years Old, in erection of a woman's building Attack on Girl of Eleven?

ing Prisoner to Topeka.

ACT AROUSED ALL OSKALOOSA

Mob in Home Town.

McGhee Told Shawnee Sheriff He Was Ready to Plead Guilt.

That Ira McGhee made a complete Sunday afternoon at his home, 1211 books of the Topeka Faliway and the Western avenue, and was immediate-ly taken to the hospital. He had tempted an assault yesterday upon the 11 year old daughter of Archie Larkins, clerk of the district court of kins, clerk of the district court of the Topeka Faliway and the Western avenue, and was immediate-ly taken to the hospital. He had been a resident of Kansas 30 years and was widely known in political fine the first presence of work in connection with appreciate included in the investigation."

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"He made a complete confession to the county attorney and myself in the presence of two witnesses," said O'Brien. "The confession was not resaid duced to writing but enough persons heard it to make it stick."

Rushed to Topeka. Following this confession McGhee a man forty-five or fifty years of age. was rushed to Topeka in an automo bile by Sheriff O'Brien to protect him

bile by Sheriff O'Brien to protect him from mob violence. They reached Topeka during the night and McGhee was placed in the coanty jail where he will be left until it is safe to take him back to Oskaloosa.

There isn't any question about the facts in the case, continued Sheriff O'Brien. "McGhee took the girl with him on a ride to the country. He stopped at a farm house and knocked at the door. No one answered and he tried all the doors. The woman of the house was upstairs but did not want to open the door. McGhee thought there was no one at home and he returned to the automobile and attempted to assault the girl. The woman upstairs looked right down upon them and saw everything that was done.

Shouted to Him.

Shouted to Him. She shouted down to him and tob "She shouted down to him and told him to let the little girl alone. He left the girl and started towards the house after the woman. She called the sheriff's office and McGhee started away with the girl in the machine. The girl was left at a farm house farther on and was picked up by us and brought back to town. McGhee cluded the pursuers and by the time they reached Oskaloosa he was already here."

"Is there any reason why she should bring a charge of this kind without foundation?"

'Not that I know of," said McGhee.

"Not that I know of," said McGhee.
"I don't know what she can mean. She says she saw things that never happened. This is awful. I never was arrested before in my life. I never sued anyone and never was sued. Why, I have had that little girl with me on rides lots of times. I know her father well and we have always been friendly. All of the children in the family are friends of mine. I have no family, except my mother, and shve always devoted considerable time to this family of children."

UPHOLD HIS POLICIES

New Mexico Democrats Praise Wilson for Keeping U. S. Out of War.

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CO-EDS TO SAVE CANDY COIN FOR WOMAN EDIFICE

Chicago, May 25 .- Girl students at Northwestern university have agreed to get along without candy and ice cream this summer if they have to buy the sweets for themselves, it was learned today when the result of a vote taken at the school yesterday was made known. Each girl, it is said, will take a small bank wherever she goes this summer and will put all her small change into a fund for the

Sheriff Tells Story After Bring- STANTON IS DEAD

Former State Architect a Victim of Pneumonia.

Jefferson Co. Officials Feared Expires at Hospital After Illness Dating From Sunday.

> following a short attack of pneu-Sunday afternoon at his home, 1211



ohn F. Stanton, former state architect, who died this morning.

Stanton held public office under administration of four governors and was active in state political affairs uring the 90's and until his retiresuring the 90's and until his retiresur the administration of four governors and was active in state political affairs called during the 90's and until his retire-leghee ment from office at the conclusion of The Resolution.

McGhee did not injure her in any way."

McGhee, at the county jail, was not in a talkative mood this morning, but he denied having made a confession.

Calls It a Mistake.

"There isn't anything I want to say," he said, "except that a mistake has been made."

"Are you guilty of the crime?" was asked.

"Of course not," he said, "but I don't want to talk now."

"Who is this woman that makes the charge?" was asked.

"Her name is Wagner," he replied.
"It is not an evidence of a high order of citizenship to seek to evade jury service in this case." he said. McGhee did not injure her in any her death when it has been asserted, way."

OVER SUMMER NORMAL

Continuation of Warm Weather and Clear Skies Promised.

Hourly temperature readings furrides lots of times. I know her father well and we have always been friendly. All of the children in the family are friends of mine. I have no family, except my mother, and ahve always devoted considerable time to this family of children."

McGee has lived in Jefferson county for many years and has borne a good reputation.

"I don't see how people who have known me for years up there could believe anything like this," said McGhee.

Hourly temperature readings furnished by the weather bureau:

7 o'clock . 72 11 o'clock . 83

8 o'clock . 74 12 o'clock . 85

10 o'clock . 78 2 o'clock . 86

At 2 o'clock this afternon the mercury stood at 86 degrees, within 7 degrees of the high record for this date. The temperatures averaged 2 degrees above normal. The wind blew at the rate of 25 miles an hour from the south. The maximum velocity last night was 24 miles an hour.

The midsummer weather continues

The midsummer weather continues today, although it is not quite so warm today, although it is not quite so warm as yesterday. The mercury Wednesday afternoon reached 92 degrees, making the day the warmest so far this year. The condition was general over the state and no rain has fallen anywhere in Kansas in the last 24 hours. According to the weather bureau the fair weather will continue.

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CITY HALL IS **CLOUDED WITH** INTERNAL ROW

of Water Department.

gation of Corporations.

WASSON RESOLUTION SENT IN WILL REMAIN ALL THE WEEK

Commission Asks \$5,000 to De- John Purcell Comes From Chifray Cost of City Audit.

Other Developments May Fol- Program Includes All Branches low House Suggestions.

Mayor House cast a monkey wrench into the proceedings of the city com- tically every division point along the He became suddenly sick expert accountants to investigate the afternoon at his home, 1211 books of the Topeka railway and the avenue, and was immediate. Topeka Edison company, he suggest-

investigation." he said.

"The interests that own both the street railway and the Edison company are opposed to a municipal owned water plant."

It is predicted around the city hall, that a row will follow if the mayor attempts to inject any issue that will in

NEW MOSAIC CODE

Ten Commandments for Girls Issued by Preacher.

Men, Fashions, Gossip, Wine Proposition to Sell to Commercial Club Is Settled Adversely.

New York, May 25.—The Rev. A. W.

Williver, pastor of Lafayette M. E. church in Jersey City, made public to-day commandments prepared by him as warnings to the young women of his flock.

1. Thou shalt not delude thy mother.

2. Thou shalt not surrender thy mother to the favor of unrefine who have been on the job for the past large.

With the committee reports that only \$2,000 more is necessary to handle fight. Peo did to reject the Commercial club offer of \$54,000 for the Elks club offer of \$54,000 for the Elks club building.

"The reports of the two committees who have been on the job for the past month, assures that the Elks club waiting the property for the favor of unrefine month, assures that the Elks club waiting the property for the favor of unrefine month, assures that the Elks club waiting the property for the favor of unrefine month, assures that the Elks club waiting the property for the favor of unrefine month, assures that the Elks club waiting the property for the favor of unrefine month, assures that the Elks club waiting the property for the favor of unrefine month, assures that the Elks club waiting the property for the favor of unrefine month as waiting the property for the favor of unrefine months.

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2. Thou shalt not run wild and fall into the whiripool of fashion and plunge thy family folk into the hopper of the nerve-grinding

 Thou shalt not allow the limber tongue of the flatterer to be-wilder thy head and master thy strength.

strength.
5. Thou shalt not tattle.
6. Thou shalt not let frivolity of speech or manner unclothe thee of thy attractiveness and personal the clothing of thy feet than the culture of thy head. 8. Thou shalt not smoke; thou

shalt not tamper with the liquor

cup.

9. Thou shalt not be slothful while others in the home toil.

10. Thou shalt find real happiness in truthfulness, hopefulness, joyfulness, peacefulness and in serving others in the spirit of the great master. True Bills Against Casement and

SANTA FE ROAD'S APPRENTICE MEN IN TOPEKA TODAY

Mayor House Suggests Probe Instructors From Over Big Railway System Here.

Action as an Offset of Investi- Annual Meeting of Instructors of Apprentices.

cago to Attend Meeting.

of Railroad Shop Work.

Apprentice instructors from pracissioners at this morning's meeting. Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railway John F. Stanton, former state archi- After a resolution, introduced by Com- are in Topeka today to attend the tect, died today in Stormont hospital missioner Wasson had been read, ask- annual meeting of instructors which of informal discussions of the various

> It was a bolt from a clear sky and as none of the commissioners was ready to express an opinion, no action was taken on the mayor's suggestion at the meeting.
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> After the first reading of the resolution the mayor said: "I do not believe that any good will come of this investigation, for I do not believe the city will receive any money as a result of it nor have I believed so for some time."
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> It will be remembered that Commissioner Newiand voted against the street car company, a few days ago, in the jitney fight.
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> "Were you notified in advance that the mayor was to make such a suggestion," Newland was asked after the meeting.
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> "Continued from Page Two.) It was a bolt from a clear sky and cell, assistant to the vice president in

Aged Allen County Farmer Shot by a Posse

Iola, May 24.—George Becker, the aged and wealthy Allen county farmer who was shot by a citizens' posse last night after having killed his daughter, Lena Becker, and wounded Dan Miles, a neighbor, was still alive this afternoon. Physicians said he was fatally wounded.

over 500. "We have received over 50 applications for membership during the past month and more are coming in daily. While the lodge has not yet passed on the applications it is certain that most of them will be accepted."

SOUTH DAKOTA HENS LAY EGGS FOR "DRY" CAUSE

Pierre, S. D., May 25 .- Hens are laying for South Dakota prohibition ers are to use all profits from the to further prohibition in this state

INCONSISTENCY







Girls' School Investigators.

Charges Against Officer.



"I never received such notice from any one. It was a complete surprise to me but I have no objection to the 2 DEAD, 1 MAY DIE IN CRY FOR TEDDY TRY TO SAVE HIM PROBE AT BELOIT

gins Today.

Insanity Plea.

On Mexican Border They Rec- Fight for Dr. Waite's Life Be- Governor Capper Appoints ognize Only One Man Now.

Sand Hills Ring for Colonel, Bases Defense on Temporary Three Women Will Look Into Says C. L. Mitchell, Topeka.

THOUSANDS OF HOMELESS DEVIL IS A CO-DEFENDANT BEATEN WITH RUBBER HOSE?

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having a guardian appointed for Beck, we have been on the learned of the action of the

Mitchell today.

Mr. Mitchell described the deplorable financial conditions of thousands of American families, refugees from Mexico, their every penny gone.

He told of the young men dragged from lucrative positions by the mobilization call, to spend the next year or more in patrolling a border of sand hills, all as a result of a small standing army. He described the scenes and hills, all as a result of a small standing army. He described the scenes were day at Lloyds shipping agency.

On her last eastern trip across the Atlantic the Washington left Newford in small towns 20 and 30 miles this port News, April 12 and Norfolk two days later, bound for Genoa, where she arrived May 5.

"Yet with all the country is pros-pering," said Mr. Mitchell. "Old sti-(Continued on Page Two.)

Governor of Panama Intended to

Leave for New York Today.

HORRORS! GENT BIRDS USE FANCY COTE FOR CLUB **GOETHALS NOT TOLD** Cleveland, May 25.-Mrs. S. T.

Cleveland, May 25.—Mrs. S. T. Brixley put up an elaborate four-apartment bird house in her back yard in Euclid Heights a few weeks ago. She was puzzled when half a dozen or more birds loafed on the roof of the house, but built no nests. She finally figured out the situation.

"While their wives were nesting elsewhere, the men birds have been using my bird house as a clab," said Mrs. Brixley, indignantly.

Panama, May 25.—Gen. Goethals has not been notified that his powers have been extended to cover the command of military forces in the Panama canal zone. He will leave today for New York unless he is ordered to remain.

Terrible Sacrifice Without Ulti-

German Smashes Recover

HISTORY'S BLOODIEST FIGHT

Hill Before Invaders.

Detachment Holding Advance Position Is Decimated.

Berlin, May 25 .- The gigantic German "nut cracker" is closing in upon Verdun in the bloodiert fight in

The right jaw has advanced on a front of three miles in the last 72 hours in the great struggle northwest of the fortress. The French have of the fortress. evacuated the entire Deadman Hill position northwest of Verdun after sacrificing more than a whole army corps in vain efforts to hold it.

ow held jointly by Germans and French. Further slight advances for

hand struggle in the war a force did succeed in capturing a redoubt and ruined work connected with the fort. The only French detachment that penetrated the ruins of the fort it-self was completely wiped out, not a single survivor escaping. Can't Rescue Wounded. Strewn about the southern and western approaches to the ruined fort are countless dead and wounded. Since the French attack began Sun-day night the fory of the battle has

Parsons, Kan., May 25.—At a meeting of Labette county Democrats today, Ben S. Gaitskill of Girard virtually announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for governor. Gaitskill is a lawyer and was a candidate for congress in the Third district in 1912. Recently Gaitskill said he would not enter the fight unless he could win the nomination without a contest.

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mate Gain to Either.

Ground France Won.

French Evacuate Dead Man

Hill 304, corner stone of the French outer defense west of the Meuse, is

French. Further slight advances for Germans in the ravines on either side will force its surrender to the right wing of the German army, which occupied Cumieres village Tuesday night.

The left jaw of the crown prince's great fighting machine bent back slightly under the most terrific blows delivered by the French since the Verdun struggle began, has reconquered entirely positions temporarily surrendered to the French. It is estimated here that 30,000 men died fighting in dark underground caverns and about the ruins of Fort Douanmont in 72 hours of battle without changing the battle line in the slightest.

Authoritative denial was made here today of French claims that General Neiville's forces even temporarily reoccupied the ruins of Fort Douanmont. In the most desperate hand-to-hand struggle in the war a force did succeed in capturing a redoubt and ruined work connected with the fort. The only French detachment that

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Parsons Man Announces Candidacy for Office of Governor.

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Still on Austrian Soil.

Rome, May 25.—The official bulletin issued last night by the war department indicates further defense lines have been taken up by the Italians, who are still on Austrian torritory in the Lagarina valley, where the attempts of the Austrains to recapture the village of Marco, about 15 miles south of Rovereto have failed.

In the Arsa valley, on the direct route to Vicenza, the Austrian and Italians are fighting on the frontier line. Between this point and the astion river the Italians have with-

Third district in 1912. Recently Gaitskill said he would not enter the fight unless he could win the nomination without a contest.

In discussing the situation with Parsons Democrats Gaitskill virtually stated that he would be a candidate in the primaries against W. C. Lansdon of Salins. "Let the best man win," Gaitskill is quoted as saying to Democrats who attended the meeting.

The district in 1912. Recently 100,000 Will Parade.

Boston, May 25.—Indications that nearly 100,000 persons would march in a preparedness parade to be held every mail today. Women will appear prominently in the ranks. The parade will be reviewed at the state house by Major General Leonard Wood, U. S. Army, commanding the department of the east.